

SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL NO. 341
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE TRANSPLANTATION, INTRODUCTION,
OR AUGMENTATION OF CERTAIN WILDLIFE SPECIES and
PROVIDING FOR A PRO-ACTIVE PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS

**SB 341 is intended to ensure that
wildlife transplantation,
introduction, and augmentation:**

- ✓ Is likely to be successful for the species, with an emphasis on avoiding conflicts;
- ✓ Incorporates sound science, meaningful public involvement, and adequate planning;
- ✓ Is conducted in a manner that respects private property rights and human health, safety, and welfare.

SB 341 will improve planning, communication, and public safety, decrease controversial conflicts, and increase wildlife success by ensuring FWP will:

- ✓ Prepare and adhere to a comprehensive management plan BEFORE transplanting, introducing, or augmenting wildlife populations.
- ✓ Provide local government and citizens adequate opportunities to meaningfully participate in the public scoping process.
- ✓ Identify adverse impacts that could result from the project and give advance written notification to property owners that are expected to be adversely affected.
- ✓ Obtain written permission from landowners whose property is directly utilized by the persons conducting transplantation, introduction, or augmentation project activities;
- ✓ Avoid releasing species in areas that will restrict the use or value of private property.
- ✓ Consult and coordinate with other state or local agencies to reconcile inconsistencies in plans, policies, or actions before proceeding.
- ✓ Provide expeditious removal or prompt mitigation remedies if the species jeopardizes public health and safety, or causes significant damage to private property, agriculture, or livestock.
- ✓ Ensure that local considerations are properly reflected in related decisions.